

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as indicated below.

B1 Subc 1
1. (Twice Amended) A heat-treated elongate member formed at least in part of a composite elongate core, the composite elongate core having a proximal section and distal section, each section formed in part of a precipitation hardened material and in part of a superelastic material, wherein the precipitation hardened material and superelastic material extend from the proximal section to the distal section.

B2 Subc 2
8. (Twice Amended) A heat-treated elongate member formed at least in part of a composite elongate core, the composite elongate core having a proximal section and distal section, each section formed in part of a precipitation hardened material and in part of a superelastic material, wherein the precipitation hardened material and superelastic material extend from the proximal section to the distal section, the precipitation hardenable material comprising at least two materials selected from the group consisting of nickel, cobalt, molybdenum, chromium, tungsten, and iron.

REMARKS

Applicant on January 14, 2002, filed a new Power Of Attorney/Revocation Of Prior Powers. To date, correspondence is still being sent to the prior attorneys of record. Applicant kindly requests that all future communications from the Patent Office be directed to the undersigned attorneys of record. Applicant further requests that the attorney docket no. be updated to: **ACS-58267 (1700X)**.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims.